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***Box Patent Application***

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**Re:** *U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/781,150*  
**Filed:** *February 13, 2001*  
**For:** *System for Withdrawing and Dewatering Slag  
from a Gasification Equipment*  
**Inventors:** *John D. Winter, et al.*  
**Attorney Docket No:** *06950.0167.DVUS01*

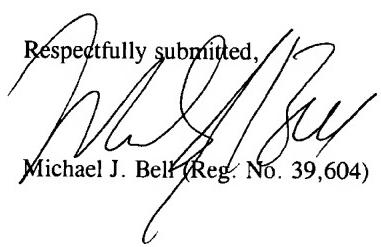
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The following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers; ✓
2. Substitute Drawings in Compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84, including Nine (9) sheets of drawings figures (Figs. 1, 2A-2E, 3A-3B, and 4-9);
3. Copy of Notice to File Corrected Application Papers; and
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In re application of:

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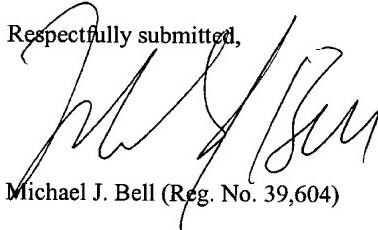
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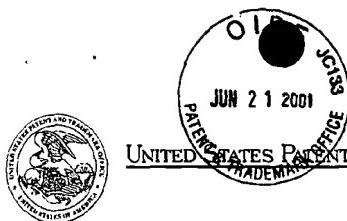
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The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
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